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CHAS. B. BORUCK, Proprietors Fireman's Journal.

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Our attention has been directed to an article which appeared in the *Bulletin* of Wednesday last, upon "Reform in the Fire Department." The parties who desired us to answer the allegations contained therein, were very indignant that a secular paper should have the temerity to interfere in such a manner with the affairs of the Fire Department, and requested us to give a flat denial to the charges made by the *Bulletin*.

In regard to the conductors of the Press, we must say, and in all sincerity, the Firemen have everything to thank them for, and not anything to complain of. Upon all occasions the Press of San Francisco has befriended the firemen, and writers engaged upon it have assisted in every way to enhance the Department. The columns of every newspaper has been opened to its members, and we doubt if a single company in the organization has ever been denied a favor; therefore we think it perfectly proper, for an expression of opinion such as that alluded to in the *Bulletin* to be made public.

The allegations contained in the *Bulletin*—politically—we admit the truth of, except so far as the persons named are concerned; and we do not except them because they are the only ones named, but for the reason, they were members of the Fire Department long before they thought of political elevation, and gave their time, labor and means for the protection of the lives property of their fellow citizens.

The *Bulletin* is in error when it charges "On election days this has been shown in the shape of placards in staring capital, urging firemen to vote for such a candidate, because he was a member of the Department, etc." No such circumstance has ever transpired since we became a member of the organization, in February 1881. Will the *Bulletin* please inform us, when and where the placarding was done, and the candidate to be benefited thereby. It is true this paper advocated the election of Mr. Cobb, to the Assembly, on the grounds of his being a fireman and an honest man; not for the purpose of depleting the public treasury, but to protect the Fire Department from any further injury, like that inflicted upon it by such infamous legislators as Horace Hawes, whose taxable property in the city and county of San Francisco, amounts to only \$14,000.

In regard to the election agreement, between Mr. Nuttman and Mr. Short, which seems to be the foundation upon which the *Bulletin*'s article is based, we have this to say: An agreement was certainly made by the friends of Mr. Nuttman last year, to support Mr. Short this year, and that the spirit of the agreement, as the friends of Mr. Short understood, was violated, there is not the slightest doubt, and to our mind there never has been any; but at the same time we deny the right of any one, former or member, to go into the convention and pledge the vote of his company, to support a man for any office, unless that company so represented gives the representative the unanimous right so to do. The friends of Mr. Short had every right to expect every company represented in that convention to vote for him, but those representatives acting without authority from their companies, the latter refused to sustain the former. And those representatives being repudiated by their companies, threw off the agreement made with the friends of Mr. Short. The friends of Mr. Short should have satisfied themselves last year, that the delegates to that convention, were representing their companies by authority, and not simply themselves.

Although Mr. Nuttman averred on several occasions that he was not a candidate before the Fire Department, still the best course for him to have pursued under the circumstances, would have been to have allowed Mr. Short to run, and then the friends of Mr. Nuttman could have put in nomination any one they pleased except Mr. Short, because we do not believe any of those companies which nominated Mr. Nuttman, would have supported Mr. Short, agreement or no agreement.

As for Mr. Nuttman, we entertain the same opinion of him now, as an officer, as that we have always expressed, during his term of office now closing, he has in all things acted for the best interests of the Fire Department, and won for himself the esteem of its members—he has made an excellent Chief, as those most opposed to him will testify. The violation of the spirit of the agreement spoken of, has injured him in the estimation of many, which circumstance we deeply regret.

As for Mr. Short, no man is more respected in the Fire Department. Upright, honest, and unapproachable in his business relations. True, unsparing and grateful to his friends, he occupies a position of the most enviable character; the pride of his friends and those who have any knowledge of him. Mr. Short would add dignity, influence, and standing, to any station to which he might be elevated.

We are glad to say that the days of combination, compromise, and pledges, are passing away in the Department; the first blow has been struck—in the election of Mr. Whitney, there was not a single pledge made for next year.

The Election.

That great event in the life of a fireman—election of his officers—has come and gone in the San Francisco Fire Department. On Monday last the annual election was held, and never before in the history of the organization, was there more order, or so utterly devoid of all excitement, except that engendered by a favorite candidate in accordance with the law, the polls were opened at 9 o'clock A. M., and were held at the Monumental Engine house on Breunham place, the best local for such an affair in the city. Messrs. John C. Lane of Volunteer No. 7, James H. Catter of Knickerbocker 5, and Wm. S. O'Brien of California 4, acting as judges, all of whom were sworn to perform their duty faithfully by Florence Mahony Esq., President of the Fire Department. Messrs. Joseph Middlemiss of California 4, M. S. Van Praeg of Knickerbocker 5, and J. Plummer Smith of Pacific 8, acting as clerks. The ballot box used on the occasion, was the beautiful glass one which was exhibited for many days in the elegant jewelry establishment of Messrs. Shreve, on Montgomery street, and manufactured by Roach the optician.

Upon the opening of the polls, the voting commenced in a very spirited manner, but from some unknown cause, a visible decrease in the number of votes polled, elicited considerable surprise, and no little talk among the firemen. A triangular fight was supposed to be going on between Messrs. Nuttman, Short, and Whitney; but the evident withdrawal of Mr. Short in favor of Mr. Whitney, transcended the excitement more interesting. At 11 o'clock, but 254 votes had been polled; and the hurrying to and fro of the friends of the prominent candidates was expressive of their doubts as to the result. At 12 o'clock M., there was a rally and a large number of the friends of Mr. Nuttman deposited their ballots for his choice. From the hour we have last mentioned until 2 o'clock P. M., the votes came up to the polls in such strength, that lines were formed at the Post Office, and their ballots received in quick succession, and after the rush was over, 596 votes had been tallied. But very little was done, until near 3 o'clock, when it was remarked that several of the companies had not exercised the elective franchise, and the why's and wherefore's of their holding themselves in reserve gave rise to considerable speculation. Although the knowing ones were posted, as to the tactics to be employed, and were perfectly well aware how the "cat would jump," they kept perfectly mum, and the anxiety of the outsiders was very amusing. The friends of the candidates worked with a will, and not a single attempt was made to take an undue advantage of each other. The strangest part of the affair was that very nearly all the short men in the department, voted for Whitney; and this to some was very annoying, for the reason that the Vigilants had not polled a single vote. At twenty minutes past 3 o'clock, all eyes were turned toward the corner of Washington street and Breunham Place, where a body of men walking two and two, was seen approaching the "battle ground," various rumors as to their identity were indulged in, as to who and what they were; all of which were dispelled, as they neared the same headed by Mr. Bovee, the foreman of No. 9. The Vigilants had come to vote, and with ballots prepared only for themselves, having at the head three cabalistic letters—"I. C. U.," they deposited fifty-seven in favor of Mr. Whitney. Immediately after the votes of No. 9, were polled, 38 votes from another company followed, and the heaviest polling of the day ceased as the clock struck four; at which time 798 votes had been received. The voting then continued until 5 o'clock P. M., when said the striking of the announced clock, the lowering of the flag, the darkening of the air with useless ballots, and the cheers of the assembled firemen, the polls closed; with a list of 886 votes.

In accordance with previous usage, friends of each of the candidates running for Chief, and Assistant engineers were admitted into the Engine room to see that their favorites received a perfect count, and at 1-4 past 5 o'clock the counting commenced, and was closed at 1-2 past 10 o'clock, P. M., with the following result:

FOR CHIEF ENGINEER.

Franklin E. R. Whitney of Howard 5, 472 votes
James E. Nuttman of Knickerbocker 5, 377 "
John Short of Vigilant 9, 28 "
M. D. Boruck of California 4, 1 "
Blank, 8 "

FOR ASSISTANT ENGINEERS.

Wm. Oscar Smith of Sansome H & L 3, 454 votes
David T. Van Orden of Empire engine 1, 452 "
Charles S. Simpson of California 4, 305 "
Caleb Clapp of Tiger 14, 285 "
Alexander Devos of Columbian 11, 240 "
Wm. Free of Crescent 10, 236 "
James Herbert of Crescent 10, 182 "
G. W. Brady of Manhattan 2, 179 "
A. Wason of Manhattan 2, 23 "
J. C. Finnegan of Young America 13, 18 "

NUMBER OF VOTES CAST.

Names. Votes cast. Not Voting. Entitled to.
Empire 1.....51.....10.....61
Manhattan 2.....54.....10.....64
Howard 3.....59.....10.....69
California 4.....59.....5.....64
Knickerbocker 5.....61.....4.....65
Monumental 6.....62.....3.....65
Volunteer 7.....63.....5.....68
Pacific 8.....40.....11.....51
Vigilant 9.....58.....7.....65
Crescent 10.....53.....8.....61
Columbian 11.....42.....8.....50
Pennsylvania 12.....45.....11.....56
Young America 13.....48.....17.....65
Tiger 14.....55.....9.....64
St. Francis H & L 1.....40.....8.....48
Lafayette 2.....63.....1.....64
Sansome 6.....42.....10.....52

Total.....886.....128.....1018
Average number of votes to each company 62 2-17 members. Last year the average was 63 1-4 to each company. This year 17 companies; last year 16 companies.

There were 88 Plumpers cast, of which
Wm. Oscar Smith received.....23
Caleb Clapp received.....22
James Herbert received.....15
G. W. Brady received.....6
William Free received.....5
C. S. Simpson received.....4
D. T. Van Orden received.....4
Alexander Devos.....3
J. C. Finnegan received.....1
A. Wason received.....1
There were 49 I. C. U. tickets polled, of which

Vigilant 9 deposited 57.

There were three votes deposited in favor of abolishing the salary of Assistants and Chief's Clerk. One in favor of doing away with all the salaries except Chief. One in favor of abolishing the salaries of Assistants and Chief's Clerk, and giving the Secretary of the Department \$50 per month, and one was in favor of giving the Chief \$5000 per annum, the Assistants \$600, the Secretary of the Department \$900, and abolishing the office of Chief's Clerk.

From the above it will be seen that FRANKLIN E. R. WHITNEY, was elected Chief Engineer, and Wm. Oscar Smith, David T. Van Orden, and Charles S. Simpson, Assistant Engineers of the Fire Department for the ensuing year.

Immediately upon the announcement being made of the election of Mr. Whitney, the bell of Monumental company pealed forth a merry sound, and the majority declared from the balcony of the engine house, The glad tidings were immediately conveyed to Mr. Whitney, and the exultant shouts of his friends, who have for years stood by him in every conflict, were heard far and near. A band of music, under the direction of Mr. Walcott, was procured, and a procession formed, headed by the American flag, and a number of firemen bearing torches. The procession composed members from almost every company in the Department, and under the management of T. J. L. Smiley, and Jonathan Gavitt, proceeded to the engine house of Howard No. 3, where the Chief elect, sitting in a splendid barouche, drawn by four white horses, was in waiting for them. Transparencies were then brought forward and distributed throughout the line which numbered about 600 men. On one of the transparencies were the words

"Hail to our Chief," and on another, "The Rough Diamonds favorite." In the barouche with Mr. Whitney, were seated Florence Mahony, President and H. A. Cobb, Treasurer of the Fire Department, Geo. H. Hossfross, of Monumental No. 6, and Jesse Seligman Esq., of Howard No. 3. Everything being in readiness, the procession took up its line of march, passing through Sansome street to Sacramento, saluting the house of Knickerbocker No. 5, the doors of which were thrown open, the engine drawn to the door, and the house brilliantly illuminated. In front of the house a large number of the company stood, headed by their foreman E. B. Vreeland Esq., at whose right, stood Mr. Nuttman, the present Chief. As the barouche containing Mr. Whitney reached that portion of the street opposite No. 5's house, Mr. Vreeland stepped forward and called for three hearty cheers for the Chief elect, which were given with a will, and were as cordially returned by those in the line.

The position of No. 5's company upon this occasion, whose candidate Mr. Nuttman was, caused general remark, and the company were spoken of in terms of the highest commendation, for the courteousness of their reception of Mr. Whitney, stamping as a lie the report raised by croakers that "disunion" would follow in the department on the election of Mr. Whitney.

From the house of No. 5, the procession moved on through Sacramento street to Montgomery, to Jackson street, saluting the house of Manhattan 2, from which no light shone; through Jackson street countermarching in front of the house of Pennsylvania company 12, whose doors were thrown open and the Chief elect saluted; through Kearny street to Sacramento, the triumphal march continued; the whole body halting in front of the house of Empire 1, where repeated cheers were given for Frank Whitney and David T. Van Orden; thence to DuPont street to the house of St. Francis H & L Co., No. 1, which was the last of the procession. The successful candidate was well received by the St. Francis boys. From this point the procession marched to Clay street to Breunham Place, passing the house of Monumental Engine Co., No. 6, which was illuminated; the bell rung forth a peal of welcome; the flag was run up, cheer upon cheer was given, and fireworks of the most splendid description displayed; from No. 6's house the whole body moved through Washington street to Stockton, saluting the house of Vigilant 9, the members of which company materially assisted in placing Mr. Whitney in the Chief Engineership. Their beautiful house was resplendent with light; from the centre window the American flag was waved. The procession halted; cheers were given for No. 9, and their chief, "I. C. U.," was said by more than one, and every demonstration of joy made by both parties at their success. Passing through Stockton street to Broadway, the "Lafayettes" were saluted by the Chief elect, in response to which the tri-color of France was waved from the balcony of No. 2's house, and a brilliant discharge of Roman candles and rockets enlivened the scene. The entire company voted for Mr. Whitney. Leaving the "Lafayettes," the march was continued through DuPont street to Pacific, passing the house of "Crescent" No. 10, from whence no welcome came; Mr. Whitney, however, called for three cheers for the "Crescent," which were promptly given; to Sansome's hospitable hall, all wended their way, where a splendidly provided table was in readiness, to appease the appetite and quench the thirst. Mr. Wm. Adrian called those present to order, and gave as a sentiment, "Frank Whitney, our Chief elect," which was responded to in happy terms by Mr. W. The Assistants were also remembered, and after an interchange of sentiments and congratulatory speeches on the success of the company; the line was re-formed, and marching through Jackson st. to the house of Pacific 8, which in return for the cheers given made no response; from No. 8, through Davis street to Washington, to Battery, to Clay, to Sansome, to Merchant street, passing the office of this paper, which was brilliantly illuminated, and in front of which the word being given by Mr. Whitney, three gratifying cheers were given for the *Fireman's Journal*, for which we return our sincere acknowledgments; through Montgomery street to Pine, where the Volunteers saluted the victorious, and were saluted in turn; leaving the Volunteers, and parading through Sansome, Bush, Battery, and Market streets, the house of California 4, was next in turn; from the cupola, the roof and the balcony in the second story, a perfect avalanche of fireworks filled the atmosphere, the flag waved from the staff the bells were rung, and the members gave cheer upon cheer for Mr. Whitney. In front of No. 4's house there was a transparency upon which were inscribed the words:

"Hail to our Chief."

From No. 4, the Tigers 14, on Second street were visited; the customary salutes were gone through with, the bell of their engine house rung, and the members marshalled in front of the house adding theirs to the already given cheers. Countermarching on second street, the march was continued through Montgomery street to Bush, passing the house of Columbian No. 11, which was illuminated; the flag was run up, and the members united their congratulations, with the rest to the incoming Chief. From the latter place the procession

passed on through Dupont street to Sacramento, to Kearney, to Washington, to Montgomery street, to California, to the house of Howard Engine Co., No. 3, where a magnificent collation was spread for all who chose to take part in it, the line here halted and the spacious parlors of No. 3; were filled to their utmost capacity. After the good things had been disposed of, the company was brought to silence, when loud calls from every part of the room compelled Mr. Whitney to appear, and after the cheering with which he was received had subsided, he spoke as follows:

Firemen of San Francisco—I need not say how deeply grateful I am to you, for the great honor which you have conferred on me by your votes to day. I shall never forget such kindness and such friendship; my whole soul and body is devoted to the organization, and in being its chief executive officer you may rely upon it, I shall know no secret within its precincts—I shall be Chief engineer of the entire Fire Department of San Francisco, and not of any particular portion of it, and I look to you all for forbearance and help to assist me in making it, what it shall be the "Star Fire Department of the world." Again allow me to thank you and to apologize for my inability to speak to night, and to introduce to your favorable consideration, one of my staunchest friends, Florence Mahony Esq., President of the Fire Department. The remarks of Mr. Whitney were greeted with prolonged cheers.

Mr. Mahony said that it had been his good fortune to be elevated to the high position of President of the Fire Department, and he took the opportunity to express his thanks for the same, he had assisted to elect Mr. Whitney Chief, and he believed the selection a good one, and the confidence reposed in Mr. W. would not be misplaced. He concluded by giving as a sentiment—"May all the expectations we have formed of the abilities of our Chief Engineer elect, be fully realized." This was received with great applause, through the expression of which Mr. H. A. Cobb, Treasurer of the Fire Department, was called upon to speak. Mr. Cobb said he was gratified to appear before the assembly present, he was gratified to have the pleasure of returning thanks for the preference shown him in re-electing him their Treasurer and also add his joy, to theirs for the great triumph they had achieved that day; for indeed it was a triumph of which they might all be proud. Mr. Cobb said that he hoped those present, would pay but very little attention to Mr. Whitney, he was a modest man as every one knew, and his prognostications of a doubt of his ability to perform the duties of Chief were without foundation. There was none in the Department more capable, or more popular, and the business community had unbounded confidence in him. The "Lafayettes" had voted for him to a man, believing him every way fitted for the position. Mr. Cobb's speech was well thought of, and that gentleman added still further to his popularity.

Mr. Boruck ex-secretary of the Fire Department, was then called for, and responded as follows.

Firemen of San Francisco—I do not know that I have to thank you for my elevation to any particular position, on the contrary in the present canvass I have been defeated, or rather in the least I have not been a winning horse. I see by the official returns, that one vote was given me for the Chief Engineership, had I known in time my relative strength towards the other candidates, I might have entered the field, and by procuring 472 votes more been your Chief instead of Mr. Whitney. I am glad that Mr. Whitney is elected, more for the reason, that his ambition has led him to aspire to the position of Chief Engineer, and his perseverance and good conduct, has enabled him to consummate his desires, and am glad more particularly that they were accomplished without any dishonorable means being brought to bear, to effect them. As a man in the ranks can say an illegal vote was polled for him. I believe also, his election a happy omen for the Fire Department, and in making that remark I do not wish to be understood as reflecting in the slightest manner upon the fair name and honor of Mr. Nuttman, who in the discharge of his duty has proven himself to be, (as you have above all others will acknowledge) one of the very best officers ever at the head of the Department. I thank you for your kindness on this occasion, and for the very many courtesies the Department has extended to me. I trust I shall always merit them. I regret that anything should have been said to disturb the amicable relations which exist between us; I always have, and always wish to look upon the Howards as my friends. Upon the conclusion of Mr. Boruck's remarks he was repeatedly cheered.

Speeches followed in succession from T. J. L. Smiley, D. T. Van Orden, John C. Lane, C. S. Simpson, Mr. Gough, and others. At a late hour the company separated singing the *Marcelline* and other patriotic songs, and thus ended the most triumphant election that has ever taken place since the organization of the Department. Mr. Whitney is this day the most popular man in the Fire Department, beloved and respected by his friends and admired by his opponents; he enters upon the discharge of his duties with a splendid prospect of success, which we sincerely hope will be fully realized. His assistants are men of excellent standing, and co-operating with him, the Department will be successful.

VOLUNTEER 7.—At an election for officers of Volunteer Engine Co., No. 7, for the ensuing term, held on Thursday evening, the following gentlemen were chosen:

Foreman.....John C. Lane.
First Asst.....John S. Eells.
Second Asst.....George Walker.
Treasurer.....A. R. Fletcher.
Standing committee—W. Hayden, O. Fuller, R. Dowling.

ELECTED.—J. M. Van Syckle, the "original" of the "Pandalphus" of Stockton, was elected Chief Engineer of the Fire Department of that city, on Monday last. Mr. V. S. is a whole soul, generous and liberal hearted man, a thorough fireman and a gentleman. He received every vote polled with the exception of one—his own. The Department of Stockton cannot but be prosperous under such a leader.

TRUE LIBERALITY.—James McGonigle, a member of Vigilant Engine Co. No. 9, of this city, left on the 20th Nov. last, in the steamer "J. L. Stephens" for the Atlantic States, sick with that insidious of all diseases, consumption, contracted while in the performance of his duty as a fireman. Prior to his leaving, the members of No. 9 got up a ball for his benefit, which netted him about \$325. A ticket was procured for him in the first cabin, which Messrs. Forbes & Babcock, charged but \$100 for, and the poor invalid was sent on his way, leaving a doubt in the minds of many as to his living to reach his home.

LIGHT.—Foremen of the various companies in the Department, should give strict orders to their stewards to have a proper number of torches in readiness for every alarm. The rainy season is now approaching, and as the Board of Supervisors, have seen fit to extinguish every gas light, except about one at every half mile, it will be indispensable to have light to assist in dragging the apparatus through the dark and dismal streets of this muddy metropolis. Horace Hawes, made beggars of the firemen and now the Board of Supervisors intend they shall grope through their beggarom in darkness.

THE STANDING COMMITTEES of the Board of Delegates, will be announced on Wednesday evening next, by President Mahony.

SIXTY-FOUR.—It will be recollected that 64 Washington Market is under the proprietorship of S. P. Whitman, one of the best market men in this country. He has a few more pounds of that Fresh Dairy Butter on hand, also a fresh supply of Oregon Hams, Bacon, Cheese, Pork, etc., of the best quality for family use.

SEA BATHS.—Those who are ill should patronize Dr. Bruin's Steam Sea Baths at Melges' Wharf, the Doctor has everything arranged neatly, and with such polite attendants cannot fail to give satisfaction.

HARDWARE.—Messrs. Johnson & Reay, Tin Copper and Sheet Iron workers, No. 41 Battery st., have on hand a choice selection of Stoves and Kitchen furniture also Pumps, Lead-pipe, &c., wholesale and retail.

CHICAGO CHAMPAGNE.—This splendid wine is offered for sale by J. Rehrens agent, 55 Sansome street. It can be sampled at Clayton's saloon on Commercial street.

OPTICIAN.—Mr. J. Roach, 55 Sacramento street, corner of Front, up-stairs, the inventor of the Patent Alarm Ballot Box, has on hand and is constantly manufacturing all kinds of Optical and Mathematical Instruments, Electro-Magnetic machines, Barometers, &c., call and see his museum of art.

Obituary.

It becomes our melancholy duty to record the death of Mrs. CLOTILDE A. VALLIANT, wife of the late William Valliant of Baltimore, and twin sister of Mr. George H. Hossfross, of this city, which took place on yesterday morning, Dec. 5th, at 104 o'clock, in the 31st year of her age. Mrs. V. had for many months been confined to her bed, laboring under the dreadful sufferings attendant upon consumption, which disease was contracted by that devotion characteristic of a true woman and wife, which led her during a winter of unexampled severity, to visit the grave of her husband, daily, within the precincts of "Green Mount," a spot sacred to the heart of many a Baltimorean, men in this State. More than a year since, she left her home, in the Monumental City, accompanied by her aged mother, her son and niece, to meet her brother, in the hope that the voyage to this country would benefit her health, and his companionship, cheer her in the hours of sickness. Notwithstanding every care and attention was lavished upon her, by a brother devoted to her wishes, and comforted by the presence of a mother, whose happiness depended upon her existence, and surrounded by sympathizing friends; her disease gained so strong a hold upon her, as to baffle the skill of her physician, and she died as quietly and peacefully as the falling snow; while the prayers of the godly and righteous were being offered up in her behalf; with perfect resignation, having full confidence in her own christian virtues, firmly believing in the power and wisdom of the Almighty; and relying on his mercy and loving kindness, in the world to come. Most deeply do we condole with the afflicted, and extend to them our heartfelt sympathies in their bereavement. But a few short months has passed since we were called upon to mourn, far away from the scene, the death of the author of our being, and mourning unto death, can readily mingle our tears with those who suffer, the loss of those most dear to them on earth. "The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away, but blessed be the name of the Lord."

FIRST LIGHT DRAGOONS ATTENTION.—The annual meeting for election of officers, will be held at the Armory, No. 110 Sacramento street, on Monday evening, Dec. 8, at 7 1/2 o'clock. By order, A. McKENDRY, C. M. PLUM, O. S.

Fire Department.

BOARD OF DELEGATES.—The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Delegates, will be held on Wednesday evening next, Dec. 10th, at 7 1/2 o'clock. By order, JACOB EZEKIEL, Secretary S. F. F. D.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, San Francisco Fire Department.

THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS of the Fire Department, are informed that the office of the undersigned will be opened every day from 9 A. M. until 12 M., for the transaction of business. JACOB EZEKIEL, Secretary, S. F. F. D.

VIGILANT 9.—The regular monthly meeting of your company will be held on Thursday next, Dec. 11th, at 7 1/2 o'clock. By order, T. McCUE, Secretary.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—The gentleman whose name forms the caption of this notice, is one of the few modern physicians whose application to his profession and devotion to the afflicted, rendering him alike an ornament to the one and a benefactor to the other. A Hungarian by birth, he sought with Kosuth to place his country among the nations of earth, beyond the oppressor's rule, that her sons might rejoice in the practice of those precepts which are alike our glory and our pride. In his efforts so to do, he has reaped the reward of ineffectual resistance to oppression, and a home and a country know him no more. Apart, however, from his claims upon our consideration as a patriot, the testimonials of character and capacity which he brings, entitle him to public confidence, and the exclusion of those who possess neither the one nor the other. As a gentleman his character is unimpaired; as a physician he is still unsurpassed; and to those whose imprudence has left upon them the taints of disease we can conscientiously commend him with the assurance that in him they will find a friend who to know is great gain. The Dr. is No. 1 and 2, Amory Hall, corner Sacramento and Montgomery sts., San Francisco, Cal.

THE VERY BEST.—Those who desire the finest Ambrotypes and Daguerotypes that can be taken, should by all means call at the gallery of Vasey, at the corner of Montgomery and Sacramento streets. We have examined the pictures in many galleries in this and other cities, and must confess we have never seen any that came nearer perfection than those taken by Vasey. Some of the portraits are life size, others of miniature size for breast pins and lockets, but all so beautifully clear and true to nature that there is no mistaking for whom they were intended. The process of Mr. Vasey is peculiar to himself, and the pictures are so indelibly stamped that they will last forever, neither acid or water affecting them. We advise all to call and examine the gallery, being assured they will be highly gratified with their visit. c18-1m

SHERRY.—A small quantity of that celebrated Sherry. Originally stolen or appropriated by Major Mansson from the King of Spain's cell, has been through the kind of C. O. Haley, Esq., passed into the hands of the proprietor of the BOOKS, 191 Kearny street, who is retelling at 12 1/2 cents per glass.

N. B.—To prevent a rupture with Spain, please call for the "Mansson Sherry."

BURTON ALE.—The best shipment that has been sent to this market for the last two years, arrived by the "Anchor" from London. This is a point decided beyond cavil. Now on draught, in splendid condition, at the BOOKS, 191 Kearny street, at 12 1/2 cents per glass.

N. B.—Don't let it unless you are a judge of the article as this lot was brewed expressly for men of taste.

BRANDY.—All the choice vinegars, from 1786 to 1878 may be obtained, varnished, painted, or imported, at 12 1/2 cents per glass, at the BOOKS, 191 Kearny street.

Alarm and Fires for the Week.

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What the Judiciary Committee have to do.

The members of the Judiciary Committee, of the present Board of Delegates, must bear in mind, that there are more important interests to the Fire Department devolving upon them, than ever before.

In making the amendments to the State Law, they must have an eye to the people of San Francisco, as well as the Department, and must by a proper reduction of the expenses of the latter, seek to lighten the burden of taxation on the former.

We take the liberty of suggesting to the committee the following:—

Reducing the salary of Chief Engineer to \$4000 per annum. Thereby saving \$1,000; abolishing the office of Chief Clerk, thereby saving \$1,800 per annum; abolishing the salaries of Assistant Engineers, making those positions entirely of honor, and thereby saving \$5,400 per annum.

Reducing the salary of Secretary of the Fire Department to \$500 per month, thereby saving \$1,200 per annum; to report in favor of an election for Chief Engineer every three years; in favor of electing Assistant Engineers for one, two, and three years.

Electing one every year, for three years. Those now in office holding their position until July next, at which time a new election shall be held.

Electing delegates from the companies, in October, to take their seats, and elect their officers in January, and by that means prepare the various elections in the Department.

Electing the Secretary of the Fire Department, from the body of the Department, outside of the Board of Delegates.

Exempting members of the Fire Department from the time they first joined.

Issuing Diploma certificates to every member of the Department, who joins six months prior to the day of election for officers, whenever that may be appointed.

We have some other suggestions to make to this committee, which we shall reserve until their report is made with the exception of this one.

That the new Law of the Fire Department be submitted to the entire mass of the Firemen for their approval either in a general meeting, or in companies, before being definitely acted upon by the Board of Delegates. It is their right.

Reform.

Is required more in the Fire Department at the present time, than any where else. There are now on the rolls of many, aye, in fact all the companies, the names of men, who never do an hour's duty, on the rope, on the brakes, or on the hose, and yet returns are made out and sworn to, that such men are active and actual members of the Fire Department.

And if the officers of those companies are taxed with the palpable inconsistency (if nothing worse) of their oaths, they clear themselves in their own minds from blame, by saying they swear to the best of their belief. It is time the dross in the Fire Department were cleared out, even if some companies are left without a sufficient number to allow them to hold a place in the organization. It could be much more advantageous to begin anew, than to suffer the swindle (if it cannot be called by any other name) that has gained such predominance in the Department. What right has any man to membership in the Department, because he is well provided with the wherewithal to pay his fines and dues, be exempt from all the annoyance of Jury duty, and yet does not work for it; when his poorer fellow member is compelled by reasons of his poverty, to do the work of both. There must be a change made in regard to this matter, and the sooner the better, for the Department. This is no place for kid glove and aristocratic firemen. There is too little work to be done from one year's end to another, for any such fold-out. There is no reason why any man, attached to the Fire Department of this city, should endeavor to shrink from the duty incumbent upon him. There are men now on the rolls of the companies, whose time of service has very nearly expired, and who from the time of joining until the present, have never done one hour's work, in fact do not take the trouble in nine cases out of ten, to answer roll call, but having the money to pay it, suffer the fine. If a department of dross is desired, keep up the present system, and it will be attained, as soon as the most sanguine could wish. Let the working-men and the dross, now in the Department divide, and the latter will outnumber the former three to one.

NOTICE TO COMMITTEES.—The Committee on the case of charges preferred against Geo. H. Hesse from, by Chief Engineer, Nutman; and the Committee on the case of Henry McDonald, stricken from the Roll of No. 11, will meet at the Chambers of the Board of Delegates, on Tuesday evening next, Dec. 16th, at 7 o'clock. The parties interested in both these cases are particularly requested to be present.

THE ONLY ORIGIN.—Horace Hawes had in securing the passage of the Consolidation Bill, was to have incorporated in it the clause regarding the Van Ness ordinance, that failing all his interest in it was lost. In his endeavor to save the people's money, and reduce their taxes, he is setting up to that advice, which is to the effect, "assume a virtue though you have it not," he cares no more for the people of San Francisco, than the King of the Camlial Islands. His taxable property in the city only amounts to \$14,000.

ON MONDAY.—Next the Chief and Assistant Engineers elect, will enter upon the discharge of their duties.

Franklin L. Jones.

Compliments and puffs through newspapers have of late, been so plentiful, that the community generally has become doubtful of their intent; and a set of resolutions with any quantity of "soft talk," has had the appearance, more of a white-washing object, rather than that which they purported to be. That there are some men worthy of such consideration, we acknowledge, who would prefer a proper and modest endorsement of their worth, rather than gold. Of such a class is the gentleman, whose name stands at the head of this article; than whom there is none more entitled to the good wishes and praises of his fellow men and comrades in the ranks, than he. For two years Franklin L. Jones held the position of President of the Board of Delegates of the San Francisco Fire Department. Selected at a time, when entirely new laws and regulations, went into effect for the government of the Department; and when its internal affairs were in a disorganized state, he succeeded by force of character, ability as a parliamentarian, and impartiality as a judge—deciding momentous questions—to the whole Department, in bringing it to a position of the most prosperous character. That his herculean efforts to render the workings of the organization harmonious, were appreciated by the Board of Delegates, and the Fire Department, was conclusively evinced in his unanimous re-election as their President, for the year just closed. Pursuing the same policy, with an eye solely to the good of those he served, he held the office with the same marked talent, as distinguished his previous course.

Although returned by the Pennsylvania Fire Co., No. 12, which position of the Fire Department he has so creditably represented for three years past, the new Board, while acknowledging his eminent abilities for the post, did not deem it expedient to re-elect him; although the flattering vote he received on twenty-two ballots, and the devotion manifested for him by those who recorded their names in his favor to the last, must have been an ample satisfaction to himself and friends.

In the retirement of Franklin L. Jones from the Presidential chair of the Fire Department, he can look back with proud satisfaction, over his whole career; for we believe we echo the voice of the Department, when we say it is without a blemish.

For ourselves, we wish him all prosperity and success—he is highly gratified that the Department will receive the benefit of his services as a member of the Judiciary committee; and take the opportunity to express our grateful acknowledgments for the cordial co-operation, received from him during the term he had the honor to act as Secretary of the Fire Department.

THE ENGINE.—The apparatus of Columbian Engine Company No. 11, is held in "durance vile." Messrs. Brooks, Bonny, and Moore, Malclat, is holding a lien upon it, for work and repairs done. As the Consolidation Bill did not specify No. 11, was to be repaired, why of course the Chief Engineer was decidedly wrong in having it done. If a serious fire had occurred, and loss ensued, on account of the inefficiency of No. 11 in a line, then the Chief would have been wrong again. Nearly every mechanic has refused to do any work for the Fire Department without the cash in hand. They are right. Messrs. Berry, who, when the city was bankrupt a year ago, were the only ones willing to do work for it, had their bill repudiated a few nights since by the Supervisors. That firm utterly refuses now to do any more work for the city, with the cash in hand. Manhattan 2, is also placed *hors de combat*. They broke the tongue of the engine, during the late alarm, and no one will repair it on the credit of the city. We hope the Board of Supervisors will keep on with their "Reform," for should we have an unusual number of alarms, in one month the whole Department would be out of service, and they might test the feasibility of extinguishing fires with the "Consolidation Bill."

THE BELL.—What is to be done with the bell on the City Hall? Are the poor bell-ringers to remain in that "coop," without the chance to have a fire, to keep life in their bodies during the dark and rainy nights of the coming rainy season? Think ye fat and well fed Supervisors, when at home in slippers and warm gowns, of the situation of the men, who stand as the city guardians from all harm and danger; and reason if possible with yourselves, as to what should be done, to better their condition. How long oh! ye Supervisors for it is indeed a melancholy fact, that so much out of repair is the alarm (Hall) bell, the bell-ringers have been afraid during the striking of the alarm for the late fires, to use it, lest it might fall from its position, and crashing through the roof, land in the midst of your wife's body, and deprive the people of the city of San Francisco, of the nearest relatives of Solon; and to prevent such a catastrophe, the bell-ringers have struck the Hall Bell, with a "dumb bell" (bull) would probably read better. Old that the *Town Talk*, would publish a cut, representing an alarm struck that way.

But joking aside, if the bell-ringers do not strike an alarm in time, the fault is not with them, but the Supervisors.

Badges.

We suggest to the Chief and Assistant Engineers elect of the Fire Department, the propriety of wearing some distinctive mark about them when not in their regular uniform, so that in the event of fire they may be known and obeyed without the "white cap." It is not to be expected that an Assistant Engineer is at Meigs's wharf or at Rincon Point, and a fire occurs near either of those localities, he must run into the centre of the city, procure his white cap and trumpet and return; or by not doing so lose his authority and power to command. The idea is a ridiculous one, and it is high time it had become obsolete. A black patent leather front, easily tied on, with the grade of office painted on it in white, would be all that was necessary; composed of material pliable and easily to be carried.

Foremen and Assistant Foremen, of every company should also wear badges of the same kind, when doing duty, and not in uniform; and by that means a great deal of trouble would be obviated, and the Department would work much smoother. An officer of the Department or of a company is not always where his uniform is deposited, and for that reason he should be supplied with some insignia of authority to take its place.

A New House.—San Joaquin Engine Company No. 3, of Stockton, is to have a new house built. It is to be of brick, two stories in height—twenty by forty feet. The walls of the lower story will be seventeen inches in thickness, with ten feet between joists; the upper story wall will be thirteen inches in thickness, and the Hall is to be finely plastered and finished.

Mr. W. M. Fleming.—An actor of real merit (and one whose friendship we esteem) from the Eastern theatres, is now performing in Sacramento. We sincerely desire to see Mr. F. on the Boards of a San Francisco theatre, and hope an opportunity will soon be offered for an engagement. We have not the slightest doubt of his success and popularity.

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Persecution.

The Auditing Committee of the Board of Supervisors in their *astuteness*, have seen fit to repudiate several bills contracted for repairs upon fire apparatus, and supplies furnished the Fire Department, on the ground that, that swindle known as the Consolidation Bill, does not provide for such expenditures, although it does say \$8000 per annum, shall be expended for the extinguishment of fires—therefore if an engine requires repairs it cannot be done because it is not set down in the bill.

Horace Hawes we know to be a knave, and the Supervisors we shall set down as fools, if such a course as that indicated is pursued towards the Fire Department. What is the object of this persecution, for it cannot be by any other name, that has been, and is now being waged against the organization. What have the members of it done, that they should be treated in the disgraceful manner that they have? It would be far better to give up their organization and disband, than be subject to the insults that these officials, dressed in a little authority, heap upon them. Through the villainous designs of Horace Hawes, now aided and abetted by the Board of Supervisors, the Department is without hose, the cisterns will shortly be empty, the apparatus will be out of repair, the houses without light, the Hall without stewards, and the members without every convenience, unless they feel disposed as they have already done for months, to bear the expenses themselves. And for what? The approving smiles of the public in return, after a hard night's work. It is not worth the powder; better far a paid department, than a volunteer system like ours. We are injuring our health; begging our families, and depriving ourselves of every enjoyment; to allow demagogues and traitors to gain popularity by us; and when a bill for a paltry few dollars for actual necessities is presented for payment it is repudiated, although money for the purpose has already been appropriated for it. Out upon such economy. Instead of being retrenchment and reform, it is knavery and hypocrisy.

The Annual Parade.

Early as the day may appear, the subject of the Annual parade of the Fire Department, is already being agitated; and the usual diversity of opinion, which prevails touching the day on which it should take place exists at this time.

As for ourselves, we are opposed to its taking place on the 22d of February, for the same reasons we advanced last year—the uncertainty of the weather, and the enormous expense consequent upon such a display. We shall oppose a parade in February of next year, more particularly on account of the expense. The members of the department are perfectly well aware that the treasury of every company is depleted; and that it would be utterly impossible to sustain the expenses of a parade, without calling upon those outside of their own number to assist them. The members of the Department are also well aware that the citizens of San Francisco, are being called upon to subscribe ten thousand dollars, to be appropriated towards the purchase of new hose; and certainly after they have subscribed that amount, they will not feel like repeating the ceremony. Under any circumstance we do not think the Fire Department should make any display, until that portion of Hawes' rascally Consolidation Bill, which gives \$8000 per annum for its support is repealed; and the organization placed upon a safe foundation; then we are in favor of a general illumination of the Engine and Truck houses; the houses of the friends of the Fire Department; and a grand torchlight procession of the latter. That would be sensible, and the occasion well worthy of it. We do not wish to be understood as being against a parade altogether next year, we are in favor of one, but not until the 10th or 14th of May when the weather can be depended upon, and the firemen in a better condition financially than they are now or would be in February. The matter of parade, is one which rests entirely with the Board of Delegates; and is of but very little importance whether it is decided at the present time, or at the meeting in February; which would be early enough to make all necessary arrangements.

Horace Hawes.

At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors, a few nights since a bill of a trifling amount was presented for the expenses attendant upon the passage of a poor crazed individual to the Stockton Asylum. The Consolidation Bill, or rather Horace Hawes, did not provide for any such contingencies, (for what cared he for the suffering of his fellow man if he could make money and a little popularity by it,) and therefore the Board of Supervisors, were not pleased. Every dodge was applied to shirk the responsibility. The Sisters of Mercy were appealed to, but of no avail. At last it was proposed to obtain the amount necessary by private subscription, but that would not do, when the California Steam Navigation Company, with the usual charity of that association came to the relief of the Supervisors and assisted them out of their dilemma, by offering to wait for the money until they could get it.

The circumstance called forth the following, which we give for the benefit our readers; it was written while the above subject was being discussed.

We, the corps report to night, The Board in session and in right, But much regret the truth to tell, We don't mean truth in general, (Truth unlimited, editorial, Which always lies, deep in a well, How deep our craft alone can tell; But this said particular fact, That strikes us in the eyes kerwhack, That the San Francisco Solon's laws So full of holes, and traps and flaws Require a jury of twelve, Nightly to dig and to deliver; And still as down and down they go, The more they find of municipal, Until convinced in labor to night, All but three, who are probably tight, They've sent a poor crazy man Roaming abroad in the land, Asking the cold hand of charity, For a victim of strange inhumanity Not a cent of its wealth could it give, The suffering poor to relieve, Which for himself to be sure, The city don't seem to secure, This bill most wisely provided Then should in fee be divided, Among him and his ravenous band, The prettiest portion of 'tillable land The city has left in possession, A humble but truthful admission, 'This land, is covered by the Van Ness Ordinance the legalization of which Hawes wished incorporated in the Consolidation Bill, but was not gratified.

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The Graves of Dougherty and Murray.

On Monday last we had occasion with several friends (members of the Fire Department) to visit the grave yard attached to the Catholic Church at the Mission; and after having disposed of our business; the thought struck us that we would take a look at the graves of Dougherty and Murray, members of the organization—killed in the discharge of their duty—and see what care and attention had been bestowed upon them.

After a steady search of about twenty minutes, and making many inquiries respecting the matter we found what was represented to us as being the graves of those men; but the absence of everything, which should indicate spot of that character, led us to doubt the truth of the information imparted us as to their identity. Upon close inspection we found the name of Thomas Murray, inscribed in pencil, by "Arthur O'Neil," upon a head board, about six inches square, the wind and the rain had almost obliterated the writing. At the grave of Dougherty; there was simply a number, "195," painted on a stick—and nothing more.

Dougherty has been dead nearly four years, and Murray two; and yet; up to this time, no marble shaft points upward to the skies, in token of a remembrance for them. Contrast the spot where they lie side by side with the costly inclosures where vice and dishonesty lie mouldering with the dust—Compare the neglect and desolation which surrounds their graves, with the care and devotion, which protects, with marble base and iron rail, the graves and flowers planted at the grave of misery and disgrace. Contrast the loneliness of their last resting place—inhabited by bravery and honor, with those who daily receive at their portals, the sympathizing tear and marks of remembrance; though infamy and they fill up one tomb; and then tell us why such things are allowed.

Firemen of San Francisco, does the short distance which separates the graves of Dougherty and Murray from you, lead you to forget they once co-operated with you in all the hopes, the joys, the griefs and triumphs of a Fireman's life? Have you forgotten the duty you owe to them; their friends and yourselves, by thus allowing the spot where they rest, to pass away from your memory?

If you have not, awake from the lethargy which has overcome you and endeavor, late as the day may be, to adopt some plan whereby a monument of their deeds, may remain for all time.

Think of yourselves. None of you know whose end is destined to be as theirs; and would it not be a source of sorrow and regret, if the thought should take possession of you; that after devoting your whole energies in behalf of your fellow men, and giving up your life in your efforts to serve them—your memory, after death, should pass away and be forgotten.

Let something be done, and right speedily, for the purpose of securing a sufficient amount to rear a suitable monument over their graves. One dollar subscribed by every member of the Fire Department, would be amply sufficient. Let the companies most interested take the initiative steps, and we doubt not, in one month's time, the object desired could be attained, and the pure marble would commemorate to the world two brave hearts, "who died at their post doing duty"—DOUGHERTY and MURRAY.

The following from the *Town Talk* of yesterday, a journal which is always speaking a good word for the Firemen, comes in very opportunely. The Supervisors should not delay a moment in settling the matter. The Monumentals expended \$6000 themselves in building their house, and they certainly should not be deprived of its use. Delays are dangerous; let there be none in this instance.

MONUMENTAL ENGINE COMPANY.—The recent decision of the Supreme Court, in the case of Phelan vs. The County, places the Monumental Engine Company in a very strange position, the lot on which their house is built being a portion of the land sold for which the scrip was issued, and upon which the suit was based. According to the decision of the Court, the property must revert to the original owners, or their assignees, who, in the case of the Monumental lot, are the assignees of Wm. M. Borgeine. Not only the lot is in danger of being lost, but the elegant structure upon it, which has been built at an enormous outlay to the city and the company. The claimants to the land are entitled to the improvements only as an indemnity for the payment of rents and profits. We are taking the worst view of the case, and hope our fears may prove unfounded, but we are of opinion that, unless the Supervisors take immediate action, this splendid public building will be lost to the Company and the city.

The matter is one of too great importance to admit of delay, and we trust the proper authorities will see to it at once. It will not do to allow such an efficient branch of the Department as the Monumentals to be thrust out of doors and subjected to such a loss. By this decision the county has been the gainer some four hundred and twenty thousand dollars, and surely she will not hesitate for a moment to make a suitable appropriation to aid the "Sisters." In fact it has been the action of the county that has brought about this state of affairs. The county herself has bought the Monumentals out of their house and lot, and justice requires they should reimburse them. The engine house cost about \$13,000—one-half being donated by the city.

ELECTION.—An election for officers of the First Light Dragons, was held on Monday evening last, at their Armory, in Sansome street, with the following result:

Captain, J. Sewell Reed, re-elected unanimously; First Lieutenant, L. R. Mills, vice A. McKendry; Second Lieutenant, C. L. Taylor, vice L. R. Mills; promoted, Brevet Second Lieutenant, C. A. Sears, vice C. L. Taylor, promoted, Orderly Sergeant, S. H. Tyler; Second Sergeant, Joseph Fiegel; Third Sergeant, E. I. Wilbur; Fourth Sergeant, no choice; First Corporal, Wm. M. States; Second Corporal, E. Bassett; Third Corporal, Gorham Currier; Fourth Corporal, A. L. Pease; Surgeon; B. A. Sheldon, M. D.; Treasurer, J. D. Hutton.

The Dragons are in a very prosperous condition at the present time, and number about ninety-five men.

DESKS.—The Board of Delegates have followed out our suggestions, and appointed a committee, to procure a suitable and sufficient number of desks, for the use of the members of the Board, and the reporters of the Press.

THE ARCHIVER.—The Board of Delegates, at the last meeting, ordered boxes to be procured, in which are to be preserved the archives of the Department.

FRANK SOUL.—We greet with pleasure, back to his legitimate sphere, Frank Soul, editor-in-chief of the *Chronicle*; from whose columns, the emanations of his graceful pen, have for so long a time been missed.

PARADE.—The Siskiyou Hook & Ladder Company, at Yreka, will make a grand parade on New Year's day, in full uniform, and the festivities by a grand ball in the evening.

GIVEN UP.—The Chief and Assistant Engineers elect, have given up all their former business pursuits entirely, and intend to devote their whole energies to the welfare of the Department.

Howard Engine Company No. 3.

At a meeting of Howard Engine Company No. 3, held on Thursday evening, Dec. 12th, the annexed letter was received from Franklin E. R. Whitney, Esq.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11, 1856.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF HOWARD ENGINE CO. NO. 3.

Gentlemen.—Allow me to hereby return to you the trust which you have for so long a period reposed on me, by tendering my respectful resignation as Foreman of Howard Engine Company No. 3. My object in so doing is known to you all, having been called upon by a vote of a majority of the Fire Department, to preside over, and act as its head for the ensuing year, and to devote my abilities—poor though they be—to its benefit, its welfare and advancement; and for the general protection and security of our fellow citizens.

Proud, as I may be, of this distinguished honor, and gratefully as I accept it, let me most sincerely assure you that it is not without a bitter pang that I consent to sever the intimate and kindly relations so long existing between us.

In the discharge of the important duties which will devolve upon me, I will honestly and faithfully endeavor to act with an impartiality that knows no friends nor enemies, and with an earnest desire to continue the character of the Fire Department as a model of activity, energy and unity worthy of the imitation of all. With warm wishes for your future success and prosperity, I subscribe myself, With great respect, your obt. servt., FRANKLIN E. R. WHITNEY.

The resignation was accepted, and a committee appointed for the purpose, reported the accompanying preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, by the action of a majority of the members of the Fire Department of San Francisco, our esteemed and honored Foreman, F. E. R. Whitney, has been elected as Chief Engineer of this Department, thereby depriving this Company of his services as their head; and whereas, it is our duty to rejoice at his elevation, as it is our feeling to sorrow for his loss to us for the present, and for the great deprivation of his services to our company so much needed and so long ably fulfilled.

Therefore, be it resolved, 1st. That we accept with reluctance, the resignation of our Foreman, F. E. R. Whitney, with full confidence, that he will be to the entire Department, what he has been to our company—an efficient, prompt, and impartial manager; true to the interests of the Department, and to the safety and welfare of our fellow citizens, and to the benefit and protection of the community at large.

2d. Resolved, That when his term of office expires as Chief, we believe his advent into the private ranks of the Department will be hailed by all with joy, and by none more than the members of Howard Engine Co. No. 3, who will receive him with the open arms of brotherhood, happy to gain him back, and proud of his fame and advancement, recognizing in him the architect and builder of the position we now sustain in the Department, and saying to that Department that in this election, what is your gain, is our loss!

The above proceedings were ordered published in the *Fireman's Journal*. P. M. WHITNEY, Secretary.

BOARD OF DELEGATES.—A special meeting of the Board will be held on Thursday evening next, Dec. 13th at 7 1/2 o'clock, for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Committees, on the case of George H. Hoeselroos, for disobedience of orders; Henry McDonald, stricken from the Roll of Columbian Engine Co. No. 11, and Louis Toepitz, expelled from Crescent Engine Co. No. 10. By order.

JACOB ECKHART, Secretary, S. F. F. D.

Dec. 13th.

Fire Department.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, } San Francisco Fire Department.

THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS of the Fire Department, are informed that the office of the undersigned will be opened every day from 9 A. M. until 12 M., for the transaction of business.

JACOB ECKHART, Secretary, S. F. F. D.

Notice.

The following named gentlemen have been selected to solicit contributions, in their respective Districts, for the purpose of purchasing hose for the Fire Department, the urgent necessity that exists for an immediate supply of hose, it is hoped will meet from the public generally that attention its importance demands.

COMMITTEE OF SELECTION.

F. Billings, E. W. Crowell, John Sims, James Bell, Louis Cohn, J. P. Haven, Theo. Payne, W. K. Van Allen, G. W. P. Bissell.

1st District.—E. P. Flint.

2d " J. Seligman, H. A. Cobb.

3d " F. Billings, A. Guy.

4th " John Sims, E. W. Crowell.

5th " G. W. P. Bissell, W. H. Dow.

6th " Louis Cohn, Tong Achick.

7th " Theo. Payne.

8th " Louis Beck.

9th " A. B. Norbes.

10th " Louis McLane.

11th " W. C. Hoff.

12th " E. W. Burr.

HOWARD 3.—At a meeting of this company held on Thursday evening Dec. 12, the following named gentlemen were elected officers for the unexpired term of the year:

Foreman, Wm. T. Chase.

First Assistant, Granville A. Whitney.

Second Assistant, John Still.

Secretary, P. M. Whitney.

CHIEF'S CLERK.—Plym Whitney, member of Howard Engine Co. No. 3, has been appointed Chief Engineer's clerk. Mr. W. is every way fitted for the post.

TO BE SWORN IN.—The Chief and Assistant Engineers, elect, to make assurance doubly sure, intend to be sworn in to-day; first by Judge Freelon, and then by Col. Mahony, President of the Fire Department.

CHIEF'S REPORT.—We shall lay before the Department in full, in our next issue, the annual report of Chief Engineer Nutman, on the condition of the organization.

Mrs. JULIA DEAN HAYNE.—This lady has been playing an engagement at the American Theatre, during the last week. Large and fashionable audiences have nightly greeted her and there is no diminution in the fullness of her imperiousness. Except Miss Davenport, Mrs. Hayne is the only intrinsic actress, that has visited California.

A POLE LAMBER.—We understand a pole one hundred and sixty feet in height, is on its way from Oregon, for the use of the Howard Engine Company of this city. Such a pole as that would be just the thing for engine playing; the highest stream would then take down the persimmons, and no mistake. It will be just in time for the tournament, in May next.

CONSUL DILLON.—A grand complimentary dinner, from the Citizens of this city, is to be given to Consul Dillon, on Tuesday next.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—We are indebted to Mr. J. H. Coghill, Chairman of Lecture Committee of the Mercantile Library Association, for a card of admission to the course of Lectures to be delivered before that excellent Institution.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL DEBILITY.—In no portion of the United States are so many examples of physical and mental decay to be met with as in California, where dissipation runs riot. The true reason, it seems to us, lays in the general neglect of health, which is so general as to become a confirmed habit. Nothing is so dangerous, and with a view of checking this great evil, we would call especial attention to the services of Dr. J. C. Cressy, in another column of this paper. Unlike the majority of advertising physicians—who are generally impostors—Dr. Cressy is a gentleman of rare scientific and medical attainments, who, throughout the distinguished position of chief surgeon in the Hungarian army, and possesses at the same time a rare and valuable practical skill in the profession. To his care and advice we would especially commend all suffering from acute or private diseases, which branch of medicine he has made his exclusive practice, following assured that all such complaints, which arise from trifling causes, or from a loss of vitality, he can guarantee a speedy and permanent cure. The many testimonials he has received, particularly of the astonishing cures he has effected in restoring systems almost entirely wrecked from the painful effects of physical and mental debility, speak volumes of his skill, and we cheerfully recommend him to the public as a skillful physician, in whom every confidence can be placed.

THE VAN DYKE.—Those who desire the finest Ambrosias and Daguerreotypes that can be taken, should by all means call at the gallery of Van Dyke, at the corner of Montgomery and Sacramento streets. We have here examined the pictures in many collections in this and other cities, and most confident we have never seen any that came nearer perfection than those taken by Van Dyke. Some of the portraits are life size, others of miniature sizes for breast pins and lockets, but all as beautifully colored and true to nature that there is no mistake of it, where they were taken. The process of Mr. Van Dyke is peculiar to himself and the pictures are so judiciously stamped that they will last forever, with no fading or water affecting them. We advise all to call and examine the gallery being assured that they will be highly gratified with the result. c18 1m

SURGEY.—A small quantity of that celebrated Dr. Barry. Originally stolen or appropriated by M. Jor. Jomacou from the King of Spain, it has through the kind of C. O'Malley, Esq., passed into the hands of the proprietor of the *Boomerang*, 191 Kearny street, who is retailing at 12 1/2 cents per glass.

N. B.—To prevent a rupture

